

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

This Amendment is in response to the Office Action mailed November 27, 2007. Claims 1-18 were pending in the present application. This Amendment amends claims 1, 3, 8, 9, 11, 13, and 17, without adding or canceling any claims, leaving pending in the application claims 1-18. Reconsideration of the rejected claims is respectfully requested.

I. Rejection under 35 U.S.C. §103

Claims 1-18 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being obvious over *Murase* (US 6,285,826) in view of *Shachar* (US 2005/0005305). Applicants respectfully submit that these references do not teach or suggest each element of these claims.

For example, Applicants' claim 1 as amended recites a recording/reproducing apparatus capable of transmitting information recorded on a record medium to an external device, comprising:

- a recording/reproducing circuit which records information on and reproduces information from the record medium;
- a first transmitting circuit which transmits the information to a display;
- a second transmitting circuit which transmits the information to the external device via an external network to which other external devices are connected; and
- a control circuit which controls workings of said recording/reproducing circuit and said first and second transmitting circuits;

wherein said recording/reproducing circuit records path information, which includes order information defining an order of information to be transmitted to said external device by said second transmitting circuit and destination information which is used when the information to be transmitted is transmitted to the external device among the other external devices, on said record medium, and reproduces the information from said record medium according to the order information included in the path information, and

wherein said second transmitting circuit transmits the information reproduced by the recording/reproducing circuit, according to the order information included in the path information, to said external device using the destination information included in the path information

(emphasis added). Such limitations are neither taught nor suggested by these references.

For instance, the Office Action recognizes on page 2 that *Murase* does not teach or suggest "a first transmitting circuit which transmits the information to a display and an external network to transmit information to the external device." (Other differences between the claims and *Murase* of record will not be repeated herein). To make up for this deficiency, the Office

Action combines the teachings of *Shachar* with those of *Murase*, as *Shachar* allegedly teaches transmitting information to an external device via an external network and display video by a local video output device (OA p. 3). It is respectfully submitted, however, that *Shachar* only teaches a direct, one-to-one bus connection (see for example USB connection 104 in FIGS. 3A and 3B; see also paragraph [0028]). *Shachar* does not teach an "external network" to which other devices are connected for such purposes. As such, *Shachar* has no need for destination information as recited in Applicants' claim 1. Thus, not only does *Shachar* not teach such a limitation, but there would be no motivation to provide such a limitation. Combining *Murase* and *Shachar*, assuming for sake or argument that there would be motivation to do so, thus would not result in the use of destination information with respect to an external network, along with the other recited limitations in Applicants' claim 1. Therefore, Applicants' claim 1 and the claims that depend therefrom cannot be rendered obvious by these references, individually or in combination. The other claims recite limitations that similarly are neither taught nor suggested by these references, such that these claims also are not rendered obvious. Applicants therefore respectfully request that the rejection with respect to these claims be withdrawn.

II. Amendment to the Claims

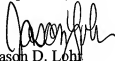
Unless otherwise specified or addressed in the remarks section, amendments to the claims are made for purposes of clarity, and are not intended to alter the scope of the claims or limit any equivalents thereof. The amendments are supported by the specification and do not add new matter.

CONCLUSION

In view of the foregoing, Applicants believe all claims now pending in this Application are in condition for allowance and an action to that end is respectfully requested.

If the Examiner believes a telephone conference would expedite prosecution of this application, please telephone the undersigned at 925-472-5000.

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